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## FAILING

### Mrs. McKinley Mourning Her Life Away.

For Hours the Distressed Widow Sits Grieving Beside the Tomb of Her Murdered Husband—Fears that she May Not survive the Winter.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 10.—The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Dawes to Mrs. McKinley at her home in Canton is thought here to be significant. Reports from Canton, while exceedingly guarded, are to the effect that the condition of Mrs. McKinley is regarded with great anxiety by the family and close friends.

It is generally understood that Mrs. McKinley never fully recovered from the effect of her experience on her California trip and her illness in San Francisco. Then came the shock of her husband's tragic end. While she appeared to endure this shock fairly well, it has developed since that the heart-breaking strain made serious inroads on her physical and mental strength. In fact it is regrettably admitted by those near to Mrs. McKinley that both mind and body have been seriously undermined, and that there are signs that seem to indicate she is failing rapidly.

One of the unfavorable symptoms of Mrs. McKinley's case is her mental condition. She mourns constantly for her husband, and can think or talk of no other subject. The holiday season has always been a time for gaiety with the McKineys, but it is understood that Mrs. McKinley feels her bereavement so poignantly that she has told her relatives she has no heart to participate in any Christmas festivities. It is said that she has even asked to be left alone in complete solitude in her room on Christmas day.

Another fact shows how keenly Mrs. McKinley feels her bereavement, and how constantly it occupies her mind. It has repeatedly happened since the funeral that on pleasant days she has had a rocking chair taken to her husband's tomb. There, accompanied by a nurse or a friend, she has sat for hours beside the tomb, plunged in grief and a prey to the deepest melancholy.

In the last two weeks this tendency to melancholy has grown more marked, and Mrs. McKinley's condition has become a source of anxiety to her friends at Canton and to those who have gone to see her from other parts of the state. So keen has been the anxiety because that a systematic effort will now be made to interest her in the things about her, and to take her mind away from the one subject that absorbs her thoughts in all her waking hours.

It was undoubtedly in pursuance of this plan that ex-Comptroller Dawes and his wife were summoned from Evanston, Ill., to make her a visit at her home in Canton. As is generally known, Mr. and Mrs. Dawes were the closest friends Mr. and Mrs. McKinley had in Washington. Mr. Dawes was not only a member of the late President's official family, but almost a member of his household. On this account, doubtless, it is expected that the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Dawes at this time will be both acceptable and beneficial.

Reports from Canton go so far as to indicate that unless there is an improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition there is grave fear she will not live through the winter. If it is found possible to divert her mind in some measure and to rouse her from her state of absorbing grief and melancholy, the mental respite, it is believed, will have a beneficial effect upon her physical health. Unless this can be done and her mind relieved in some degree of its load of grief those nearest and dearest to her fear

the strain will prove too great for her to bear.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawes are the first of a number of close acquaintances who will visit Mrs. McKinley and make a determined effort to distract her attention from her grief and inject a ray of sunshine into her melancholy.

### Van Sant May Call a Conference.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 10.—Governor Van Sant may call a conference of the northwestern governors to assemble in Montana, for consideration of the so-called merger of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington railways. No official announcement has been made to this effect, but the governor is so much pleased with the replies he has received from the governors to whom he addressed letters on the subject, that it is believed that this course will be pursued. Attorney General Douglass has about finished the preparation of his case against the consolidation plans.

### BRITISH TRADE DEMORALIZED

#### Flood of German Steel Will Close Many Local Mills.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Germany's industrial distress is reacting disastrously on the iron and steel trade of Great Britain. Several big Scotch steel mills, under stress of German competition which they cannot combat, will close Jan. 1 for one month, thus throwing thousands of workmen out of employment. During its years of prosperity the metal works of Germany doubled their capacity and began production on a scale 100 per cent greater than previously. Now that an industrial crisis has overtaken the fatherland its steel mills find their output immensely in excess of the demand. They are making extraordinary efforts to seize foreign markets in order to get rid of their products. Their wares are flowing into Great Britain in unprecedented quantities, completely sweeping aside local competition and filling British manufacturers with dismay.

Germans are furnishing rolled steel f. o. b. at Antwerp for \$4 (\$19.40), a ton, whereas the British demand for goods of corresponding quality between \$5 and \$6 a ton on the trucks at their works. Fortunately for Great Britain, the United States at present is not a factor in the situation. Steel experts say that only a vigorous move on the part of American manufacturers is wanting to make the discomfiture of the British steel trade almost tragic.

### Boy Drowned at Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY, Dec. 9.—Geo. Kneller, the little son of Joseph Kneller, was drowned yesterday in a pond near the electric light works. He and another lad were testing the thickness of the ice on the pond when he broke through and was drowned in six feet of water. The body was recovered shortly afterward.

### Women Raid Saloon.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Whitaker headed a band of women who raided the saloon and poker joint of Ike Murphey at Greentown. They gave the place a good shaking up and minors found in the place were given a severe spanking by their mothers. Murphey was arrested and fined \$15 for allowing minors in his place.

### Lark Pie for Royalty.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A solemn protest has been raised against the action of the city magnates in supplying lark pie at the luncheon to the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Guild hall last Thursday. It is pointed out that more than a thousand larks were sacrificed to produce a dainty dish to set before a probable king, while he himself is the president of the society for the prevention of cruelty to birds.

## A BOLD ATTEMPT AT RESCUE

### Berry Howard, Indicted for Goebel Murder, Taken to Frankfort After a Year in Hiding—Brave Trainmen Foll Mountainers.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 9.—Friends of Berry Howard, the noted mountain feud leader, made an attempt to rescue Howard Saturday night as he was being taken to Frankfort to answer an indictment charging him with complicity in the murder of Wm. Goebel, and for which he had been arrested by Sheriff Broughton and his deputy, who got the drop on Howard and his body guard, who had been lured to Pineville. As soon as Howard had been arrested Saturday afternoon his friends, who had protected him for nearly two years, swore that he should never be taken to Frankfort and a guard of twenty-five armed men was maintained over the prisoner while here and ten men accompanied Sheriff Broughton and the prisoner to Frankfort.

When the train reached Pineville Sheriff Broughton and his posse boarded the train with the prisoner and were given one of the coaches, which was locked at both ends. At the same time three men, friends of Howard, boarded the engine. They covered Engineer John Langan with pistols and commanded him to back the train to Middlesboro, the intention being to rescue Howard where his friends are greatest and where the mountains afforded quick escape.

Engineer Langan with a pistol pressed against his heart, maintained his composure. He declared it was impossible for him to back the train as a freight train was closely following and a collision with great loss of life to passengers would inevitably result.

"Damn the passengers and the freight train!" said one of the men. "Back this train to Middlesboro."

Engineer Langan parleyed with the men. He told them he did not have charge of the train, and would only back the train if given a signal to do so by the conductor. Thereupon, two of the men got off the engine to compel Conductor Doody to order the train backed. Engineer

Langan told the man who remained and still covered him that it would take all three men to compel the conductor to back the train, as he and the brakeman were both armed. The last man left the engine and started for the rear of the train.

Engineer Langan was looking for his chance, and the moment the third man had swung clear of the engine and started to the rear he opened his throttle wide and started his heavy train as rapidly as possible, and without waiting for the conductor's signal to go ahead.

Meantime a highly exciting scene was taking place on the station platform. As Sheriff Broughton and his deputies attempted to step aboard with the prisoner he waved back the crowd and declared he would take his prisoner to Frankfort, if he lived. His bold defiance of the desperate men enabled him to get Howard aboard the train, and then the crowd surrounded Doody and commanded him to back the train to Middlesboro. He answered that he could not, on account of a freight train closely following. The mountaineers said to him, as they had said to Engineer Langan.

"Damn the passengers! back her up."

"No," thundered Doody. "You may kill me if you wish, but I shall never back this train," and he swung his lantern clear of the train as a signal to go ahead. The train had already started.

He was brought here yesterday morning and lodged in jail by Sheriff Broughton and a guard of ten men.

Howard protests that he is innocent of the charge, and says he would have surrendered when the indictment was returned in the spring term in 1900, but that he did not want to lie in jail. It is not believed that he will ask for an examining trial, and his case will be called at the January term, together with the case of Jim Howard.

### Swindling Under Game Laws.

WINAMAC, Ind., Dec. 11.—Confidence men have discovered a way to use the Indiana game law to fleece unwary farmers. James Mortimer, a farmer of this vicinity, was the victim of two men who represented themselves to be Chicago bankers. They were well posted on the state game law, and they requested him to grant them a written permit to hunt on his farm. They wrote out a permit for three days of sport for \$5, which they paid, and one day last week this permit turned up at one of the banks as a promissory note for \$500, which had been sold to an innocent purchaser. Ten other farmers near North Judson, Ind., have been swindled in the same way.

### DEATH OF A SHOE MAN

#### Traveling Salesman Known Here Falls From Hotel Window.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 9.—T. B. Walters, representing the N. D. Dodge & Bliss Shoe Manufacturing company, of Newburyport, Mass., and whose home is in Toledo, was killed at 8 o'clock Sunday morning by falling from a third floor window of the Lahr House to the cement sidewalk on the Fifth-street side. No one saw him fall, but the dead body was found a moment afterward, with the neck and both legs broken. He was about forty-eight years old, was well known to shoe merchants here and had been making regular visits to the city for nearly fifteen years. There is no way of accounting for the death. In the room, next the window, was a sample table four feet wide, and it was necessary to cross this before he could fall. Friends with whom he spent the evening until 10 o'clock say he was not drinking and that they can imagine no cause for suicide.

### Runaway Traction Engine.

ROCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 11.—Joshua Bunch, a well-known farmer and thresherman, lost his life last Saturday in a peculiar manner. He was using his thrasher engine in shredding corn, and went out in the advance of his men at the noon hour to tighten the drive belt. When the other men came they found Mr. Bunch on the ground, crushed to death, having been run over by the traction engine, which was zigzagging around in an adjoining field, running backward. It is thought that he attempted to tighten the belt by running the engine backward and that he lost control, and in passing through a wire fence he was dragged off underneath the ponderous weight. Mr. Bunch was fifty years old and a well-known citizen.

### Better Manners in Japan.

TOKIO, Japan, Nov. 11.—Marquis Saigo and Count Itagaki have founded the society for the improvement of manners, by which a number of excellent rules have been issued; for example, that hours of calling should be limited; that calls should always be short; that at business visits the conversation should be confined to business; that tea and cake should not be given to callers on ordinary occasions; that every caller should send in his card, whether he gain admittance or not; that cards should be without ornamentation of any kind; that in passing along the road the left side should always be taken; that if people stop to talk to each other in the street they should withdraw from the throng of wayfarers; that every possible attention should be paid to promote the convenience of women and children in public conveyances; that no one should undress in a railway carriage or take up space so as to inconvenience others, or scatter parcels about, and so on through a list of most useful reforms.

### OKLAHOMA'S BRIGHT FUTURE

#### The Territory is Rich in Natural Resources and an Enormous Influx of Immigration is Making it Wealthy in Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Delegate Dennis T. Flynn is enthusiastic over the growth and prosperity of Oklahoma. In conversation with a correspondent he discussed the development of the territory enthusiastically. He said: "There was never such a steady flow of good people with money into any new possession of this country as has been and is to-day converging into Oklahoma and the people of the east have no conception of it."

"If you don't believe it, try to get a seat in a Pullman car going through the territory. They are as crowded as the day coaches. It is impossible for the average passenger at a way station to get a seat on any train in the territory, so great is the multitude of people traveling. It is estimated that, aside from the rush of settlers, that 20,000 people from the two states of Iowa and Illinois alone have come to us and bought farms inside of two years. Notwithstanding that where the main lines formerly operated one through train each way a day, three are now run to meet these conditions of immense passenger traffic."

"And what do you think of this: Many of the farms that were given to the settlers as free homesteads only two years ago are now selling for \$10,000 each. There is something doing out with us."

"Oklahoma has a territorial extent nearly as large as that of the great state of Ohio. It has a population of half a million. It has an assessed valuation of taxable property of \$3,000,000,000. It has the largest native-born population of any state or territory in the Union. We boast of the largest and best public school system of any state admitted within recent years. Our climate is unsurpassed, and we can raise corn, wheat, oats, cotton, peanuts, rye, sweet potatoes and other agricultural products on the same piece of land, which is a good combination to play to for a farmer."

"The opening of the new lands under the wise and able administration of Secretary Hitchcock had added fully 100,000 new people to our population. The manner of opening these new lands was an entire change from all precedents since the government was organized, and has redounded, not only beneficially to the people of the territory, but to the administration as well."

"Oklahoma has more state and national banks and more money on deposit in them than any other agricultural section in the country. Brick and frame houses are being erected faster than the material can be supplied. The people are not only prosperous, but are happy. They only ask now but for one right to which they are entitled, and that is statehood: We raised a surplus of 30,000,000 bushels of wheat last year, and the total crop was 40,000,000 bushels. We wear smiles with our good clothes. The various industries and occupations are all thriving, and, while there has been a short cotton and corn crop, by reason of the drought, an abundance of other crops and great commercial activity has prevented any stringency in financial matters."

"When we come into the union we will come in with colors flying. Oklahoma raises the finest staple cotton, only being surpassed by that of the South Sea Islands. More miles of railroad have been and are being constructed there during the past two years than in any other part of the country. The territory is fairly being gridironed by the

old trunk lines, as well as by new companies, who want our traffic. The fruit crop, of which little is said, is one of the best. The jobbers are now using our peaches to compete with the best California brands. The prospect of the next wheat crop is very promising, and thousands of cattle are being wintered on the wheat lands. The opening of the Kiowa and Comanche country has given great impetus to the development of these rich lands, and oil and gas have already been discovered.

"I shall advocate that all future lands shall be opened to settlement in the same manner as were the last lands opened. Under the present management by the interior department, the settlers are guaranteed freedom from blackmail and contest, while the counties are guaranteed freedom from indebtedness by the sale of lots in the county seat towns, and the proceeds used for improvements."

"Just think of three county seats containing 320 acres in what was a wilderness on the 6th of August last, bringing within twenty days thereafter about \$750,000 from the sale of lots, the money to be expended for improvements in the counties in which they are located. And we still have several Indian reservations of several million acres of public lands, which can be entered in 160-acre tracts under the homestead law."

"Our people have the greatest personal admiration for President Roosevelt, as they think he is a man of great courage and ability and," concluded Mr. Flynn, as he disappeared within the door of the committee room, "when he signs the bill this winter making Oklahoma a state we will love him all the more."

### PASTOR MURDERED

#### Justice of the Peace in Alabama Fires Fatal Shot.

BROOKSIDE, Ala., Dec. 9.—The Rev. Bradford, Methodist minister at this place, was shot by R. D. Coffman, justice of the peace, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and died two hours later. Coffman was standing in Bradford's doorway and fired two shots, both taking effect in the head. There were no witnesses to the tragedy.

The Rev. Mr. Bradford had returned here as the Methodist minister for another year. While at Sunday-school this morning the Rev. Mr. Bradford called attention to this fact, and remarked that he hoped all the relations between himself and his congregation would be pleasant, adding, it is alleged, that their relations would be pleasant if they could stop such men as Coffman from lying about him and the church. Coffman was once a member of the Rev. Bradford's church, but had been expelled on some charge, and for this reason there had been some bitter feeling between him and Bradford.

Coffman immediately after the shooting surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Armstrong. A warrant has been sworn out before Justice J. T. Sellers, charging Coffman with murder.

### Both Killed in Duel.

ZOLFO, Fla., Dec. 11.—G. L. Powell and J. S. Overstreet, naval store manufacturers, shot and killed each other in a duel yesterday. Overstreet went to Powell's still, nine miles west of here, to see about some hands. The two men had words and both drew their revolvers and began firing. Both men emptied their revolvers and each man fell. Overstreet was shot in the forehead and Powell just below the heart.

### To Repeal Bankruptcy Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—A bill was introduced in the senate by Mr. Clay providing for the repeal of the bankruptcy law.

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